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1. ASSISTANT FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AND NORTH

AMERICAN AFFAIRS MILICEVIC HAS ASKED ME TO "PRIVATE LUNCH" MONDAY, DECEMBER 22. I SUSPECT HE WISHES TO DISCUSS TITO PLUS A GENERAL HAIR-DOWN DISCUSSION OF RELATIONS.

2. IF I UNDERSTAND IMPLICATION OF PARA 3 REFTEL, SECRETARY THINKING TITO-CASTRO MEETING MIGHT BE USEFUL TO US GIVEN OUR PAINFUL SITUATION IN ANGOLA. THEREFORE, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHER WISE BEFORE MONDAY LUNCH, IF I CAN GET CONFIRMATION OF TITO TRIP, I WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE A TENTATIVE PROBE, I WOULD GIVE MILICEVIC MY OWN CANDID APPRAISAL OF THE ULTIMATE POLITICAL IMPLICATION IN THE US VIS-A-VIS DETENTE OF A DISASTROUS DENOUNCEMENT IN ANGOLA. I WOULD ALSO IMPLY THAT IN TERMS OF US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO AN ANGOLAN SETTLEMENT WOULD BE A VERY BIG CHIP INDEED. FINALLY, I WOULD POINT OUT SOVIET QUASI-MILITARY TRIUMPH IN ANGOLA WOULD NOT BE CONSISTENT WITH YUGOSLAV INTERESTS. SILBERMAN

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